

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method of providing a bingo bonus game ~~bonus-win events based on bingo game bonus patterns~~ in a bingo gaming system, the method comprising:
 - receiving a wager from two or more players to establish a gaming session in the bingo gaming system, wherein the wager is exchanged for a virtual bingo card;
 - generating a bingo ball draw to be presented to the at least two players, wherein the bingo draw includes a predetermined number of bingo balls;
 - ~~determining at least one number of bingo balls to be drawn in association with a bingo bonus pattern, making at least one bingo bonus win event thereby;~~
 - ~~assigning a win amount to each of said at least one bonus win event;~~
 - ~~allocating a portion of the wager amounts from the at least two players percentage of virtual bingo card purchase amounts for one or more bonus payouts such that said allocated amounts and a frequency based calculation of said at least one win event and said assigned win amount averaged over time are approximately equal;~~
 - ~~playing bingo games including generation of bingo ball draws for each game;~~
 - ~~generating at least said one number of bingo balls to be included in said bingo ball draws before ending each bingo game;~~
 - ~~sending one or more balls from the bingo ball draw to the gaming machines until a winning event occurs at a bingo gaming terminal;~~
 - ~~presenting the winning event from the bingo game as a game outcome of non-bingo game of chance;~~
 - determining, for each virtual bingo card in the gaming session ~~each bingo game~~, if a bonus win event occurred; and
 - ~~presenting the bonus win event as a game outcome of a non-bingo game of chance.~~
 - ~~awarding said assigned win amount corresponding to said win event.~~
2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the bonus win event where said at least one bingo bonus pattern comprises a bingo bonus pattern of four [[4]] corners of the virtual

bingo card being daubed, and wherein the predetermined number of bingo balls is fifty bingo balls. where said at least one number of bingo balls comprises 50.

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
~~creating a prize pool including generation of at least one predetermined pool containing elements which correspond to game outcomes of the non-bingo game of chance;~~
~~randomly selecting a number of elements from said the prize pool, said selected number based on a total number of virtual bingo cards in a bingo game;~~
sending said the selected elements to player terminals corresponding to virtual bingo cards in said the bingo game; and
sending ~~no-win~~ non-winning bingo game results to player terminals corresponding to virtual bingo cards in said the bingo game, if any.

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7. (new) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
allocating a portion of the wagers received from the two or more players to a bonus pool;
and
awarding a bonus prize for the bonus win event, wherein the bonus prize is funded with monies from the bonus pool.
8. (new) A method for providing a bonus game for a bingo game, the method comprising:
creating a bingo gaming session that includes two or more players initiating a bingo game at two or more bingo terminals;
forming a prize pool that includes a plurality of game outcomes for a non-bingo game of chance;
generating and presenting a bingo ball draw at the two or more bingo player terminals, wherein the bingo draw includes a predetermined number of bingo balls;
displaying a non-bingo winning game outcome to the player in response to a winning bingo game outcome occurring at a bingo player terminal, wherein the non-bingo winning game outcome corresponds to a prize selected from the prize pool;

sending any remaining bingo balls from the bingo ball draw to the two or more bingo player terminals to generate a bonus game; and

presenting the bonus game to the two or more bingo player terminals.

9. (new) The method of claim 8, wherein the non-bingo game of chance is a multi-reel slots game or a poker game.

10. (new) The method of claim 8, further comprising:

determining whether a winning bonus outcome occurred on the two or more bingo game terminals; and

awarding a bonus payout from a bonus pool.

11. (new) The method of claim 8, further comprising allocating a portion of the wagers received from the two or more players to a bonus pool for bonus payouts.

12. (new) The method of claim 11, wherein presenting the bonus game further comprises presenting a non-bingo bonus game outcome in response to an occurrence of a winning bonus game event at a bingo player terminal, wherein the non-bingo bonus game outcome corresponds to a prize selected from the prize pool.

13. (new) The method of claim 11, wherein the bonus pool is a progressive jackpot pool.

14. (new) A method for providing a progressive award for a bingo gaming system, the method comprising:

creating a bingo gaming session that includes two or more players initiating a bingo game at two or more bingo terminals;

allocating a portion of a wager from the two or more wagers to a progressive jackpot;

presenting a bingo game to the two or more players, wherein results from the bingo game are displayed as non-bingo game of chance;

initiating a bonus game on the two or more bingo terminals; and

awarding one or more progressive prizes for any winning outcomes in the bonus game, wherein the progressive prize is a prorated progressive jackpot amount that is dependent upon the wager of the player.

15. (new) The method of claim 14, wherein presenting the bingo game further comprises:
generating a bingo ball draw presented at the two or more bingo player terminals,
wherein the bingo draw includes a predetermined number of bingo balls; and
displaying a non-bingo winning game outcome to the player in response to a winning
bingo game outcome occurring at a bingo player terminal, wherein the non-bingo winning game
outcome corresponds to a prize selected from a prize pool, wherein the prize pool includes a
plurality of game outcomes for the non-bingo game of chance.

16. (new) The method of claim 14, wherein initiating the bonus game further comprises:
sending any remaining bingo balls from the bingo ball draw to the two or more bingo
player terminals to generate the bonus game; and
presenting the bonus game outcome as a non-bingo game outcome.

17. (new) A method for providing a player-funded bonus game in a bingo game, the method
comprising:

receiving a wager from two or more bingo game terminals to establish a gaming session
for a bingo game;
allocation a portion of the wager from the two or more bingo game terminals to a bonus
pool;
generating an ordered ball draw for the gaming session;
initiating a bonus game on the two or more bingo game terminals if a predetermined
minimum number of bingo balls remain in the ordered ball draw;
determining if a winning bonus outcome is present on the two or more gaming machines;
and
awarding a bonus award from the bonus pool for the winning bonus outcome.

18. (new) The method of claim 17, further comprising displaying the bonus game outcome
as an outcome of a non-bingo game-of-chance.

19. (new) The method of claim 17, wherein the bonus pool is a progressive pool.

20. (new) The method of claim 17, wherein the bonus award is a prorated amount of the
bonus pool that is dependent upon the wager.